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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were unchanged in the West, unchanged to lower elsewhere. Trade sentiment was overall no better than steady. Retail and food service demand was seasonally light to moderate with best interest for active ads and fast food. Offerings were adequate to fully sufficient; floor stocks were balanced. In the parts structure, demand was mostly slow to fair. Wings and breast items were adequate to ample, but tenders were instances well cleared. Dark meat was irregular, ranging more than sufficient and slow to clear in the East, but no more than adequate in the Midwest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate; weights were desirable to light.

Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook ice-packed broiler/fryers (includes branded product) to be delivered to first receivers at major market centers week of 01-AUG-2005 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	: WTD AVG	LOADS
Boston/New England TFEWR				: 63.87	24
Chicago	65.00-68.00	67.79	40	: 68.28	71
Ohio Cities	TFEWR			: 69.12	25
Denver	80.50	80.33	15	: 80.29	17
Detroit	67.00	67.77	13	: 70.28	52
Los Angeles	81.00	80.69	59	: 75.66	154
New York	68.00-71.00	69.60	20	: 68.88	59
Philadelphia	67.50-69.00	68.36	11	: 67.98	20
Pittsburgh	67.00-70.00	68.91	11	: 71.41	53
St. Louis	66.75-67.00	66.39	20	: 67.67	33
San Francisco	81.50	81.72	34	: 79.54	81

### Composite Weighted Average

Loads	08/01/05	Change Last Wk	07/25/05	08/02/04
589	71.45	-1.50	72.95	78.08

**WOG BROILERS** (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delvd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS
Eastern	72.00-73.00	72.68	24
Central	57.00-75.00	70.26	65
Western	62.00-74.00	71.72	38
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent			
Mississippi	72.00-75.00	73.83	90

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 74.75 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,114	65.00-79.00	73.54

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	171.50	1,325
BREASTS - B/S	150.00	5,803
BREASTS - WHOLE	85.00	1,528
THIGH MEAT - B/S	108.00	840
LEG QUARTERS	45.50	7,544
WINGS	80.00	2,916

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**NORTHEAST** Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was no better than fair as dealers limited orders to immediate needs entering the week. Offerings ranged adequate to available and competitively priced in some instances. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light to fair. The market tone was about steady. In the parts complex, dark meat cuts were at least adequate to available with thighs and drums in the longest position. Breast items and wings were available.

**SOUTHERN** Trade sentiment was steady at best. Demand following the weekend was light to moderate, best for active first of the month business, retail ads, and fast food. Supplies of all sizes were more than sufficient to handle trade requirements. In the parts structure, movement was slow to fair at best. Breast items were not as plentiful, but still at least adequate. Dark meat and wings were sufficient to readily available with mixed interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at desirable to light weights.

**WESTERN** Final majorities prices were unchanged throughout the region. Trade sentiment was about steady. Trading for this week's deliveries at mainly unchanged to higher prices. Offerings were generally adequate. Buying activity was moderate. Retailer demand was fairly good best where features in progress or planned for later in the week. Dealers reported satisfactory weekend clearances. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average was 65.21 up 1.14 from last week's average, which should have read 64.07 instead of 64.04; with the volume reported down 3 percent at 28 loads.

**MIDWEST** Final majority prices were generally unchanged from last Monday's majorities in most locations; slightly lower in St. Louis; and TFEWR in Ohio cities. The trade sentiment for whole broiler/fryers was steady to barely steady. Offerings were adequate for the limited buyer's needs. Retail and distributive demand was fair to instances good. Floor stocks were adequate; sizes mostly desirable to light. Part supplies were barely adequate to tight on leg items with boneless skinless breasts and wings adequate to ample. The market tone was generally steady on leg items, and barely steady on wings and boneless skinless breasts.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was only fair with buyers generally keeping receipts in close balance. Seller offerings were adequate to fully adequate with smaller sizes in the longest position. Live supplies were moderate; weights were desirable to light. Processor schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent lower at 69 to 80 cents. Trade sentiment was no better than steady. In the parts complex, supplies were at least adequate on dark meat items, and adequate to fully adequate on white meat items, although tenders were well cleared.

\*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

**BRANDED  
U.S. GRADE A**

RANGE 68-84  
WEIGHTED AVERAGE (A)  
NO. OF BOXES (A)  
(A) NOT RELEASED TO AVOID DISCLOSING INDIVIDUAL OPERATIONS

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS** Trucklot buying activity was fair over the weekend but was noted as cautious and unaggressive entering the week as dealers were content to work hand-to-mouth. Offerings of breasts items remained available. Drums and thighs were fully adequate and slow to clear. Wings ranged adequate to ample. Retail and distributive movement was light to fair at best. The market tone was barely steady on breast items. Thighs, drums and wings were barely steady to weak.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	CURRENT NEGOTIATED TRADING	WTD AVG	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S	135-140	131.43	517,020
TENDERLOINS	125	127.68	192,629
BREAST - WITH RIBS	83-84	90.68	52,960
BREAST - LINE RUN	83	80.78	97,920
LEGS	61-62	60.54	138,480
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	45-46	44.73	299,520
DRUMSTICKS	60-61	63.61	110,320
THIGHS	49-50	56.90	63,240
B/S THIGHS	104-105	101.61	110,460
WINGS (WHOLE)	72-73	74.29	254,360
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.33	10,720
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	40-45	40.59	5,440
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	59.50	16,400

INCL: NY CITY METRO, N. NJ, MA, CT, RI, AND PA (NE OF HARRISBURG).

\* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

\*\* WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

**ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS** F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WT. AVG
BREAST - B/S	2,071	116.00-147.00	124-133	126.20
TENDERLOINS	482	115.00-184.00	-	119.84
BREAST - WITH RIBS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	1,064	42.00-45.00	42-43	42.95
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,732	44.50-47.00	-	44.64
WINGS (WHOLE)	528	63.00-76.00	68	67.55
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	
THIGHS	890	41.00-42.00	41	41.01

#### ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE (1,000)	ACTUAL (1,000)	AVG WTS	ACTUAL (1,000)	AVG WTS
	08/01	07/28	07/28	07/25	07/21
Alabama	4,090	3,956	5.07	3,989	5.17
Arkansas	5,553	5,137	5.09	5,149	5.00
Delmarva	2,220	2,269	5.37	2,211	5.38
KY-LA-TN	2,280	2,281	4.78	2,247	4.91
Mississippi	2,620	3,131	5.38	3,104	5.54
North Carolina	2,500	2,466	6.15	2,433	6.03
Texas	2,464	2,525	5.19	2,489	5.15
Total	21,727	21,765	5.26	21,622	5.27
Mon	21,727(A)			21,622(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 01-Aug 2005 is estimated to be 33,419,000 up 0.19 percent from a week ago. and up 7.4 percent from a year ago. (last week 33,357,000 last year 31,128,000)

**SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS** F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	685	117.00-192.00	120-125	126.00
TENDERLOINS	263	117.00-175.00	125-129	128.21
BREAST - LINE RUN	92	82.00-89.00	83-86	85.22
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	569	42.00-46.00	44-45	44.52
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	965	45.00-48.00	46-47	46.56
WINGS (WHOLE)	107	62.00-75.00	-	68.69
WINGS (CUT)	307	83.00-88.00	-	86.78
DRUMSTICKS	68	58.00-68.00	-	59.18
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS	100	90.00-114.00	-	105.60

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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS  
TRADING FOR AUGUST 01, 2005 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
53.50 - 56.00	54.60	53.88

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER PARTS** ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO: IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF 01-05-AUG-2005.

	Price (Cents) Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	118.00 - 140.00	127.00 - 137.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	80.00 - 106.00	80.00 - 87.00
LEGS	58.00 - 60.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	43.00 - 53.00	44.00 - 46.00
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	45.00 - 55.00	47.00 - 49.00
DRUMSTICKS	61.00 - 72.00	-
THIGHS	42.00 - 53.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	62.00 - 84.00	70.00 - 76.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.00 - 23.00	-
LIVERS	32.00 - 38.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40.00 - 55.00	-

#### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	95.25-104.25
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	93.75-106.75

FROZEN HENS 5# & UP

FROZEN DUCKS

FROZEN SQUABS

#### DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

FRESH FRYERS	97-99
ROASTERS 4# & UP	99-107
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	65-73

DUCKS

RABBITS-WHOLE

RABBITS-CUT UP

#### SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

#### DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK 105-107
	DRY PACK 108
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK 108-112
	DRY PACK 111-112
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK 93-95
	DRY PACK 95-105
DUCKS	180-192

**EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN**

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

Jul 29, 2005

**CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED**

FAT CONTENT	PRICES		VOLUME	
	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	20.50	21.00-26.00	581,000	260,000
WTD AVERAGE	20.50	23.13		
15-20%				
RANGE	18.75-27.00	17.00-23.00	1,760,000	1,040,000
WTD AVERAGE	20.76	20.17		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	14.00-19.00	60,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		15.67		

\* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

**CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN**

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

Jul 29, 2005

**CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED**

FAT CONTENT	PRICES		VOLUME	
	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	26.00	81,600	-
WTD AVERAGE		26.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	21.00-21.25	15.00-26.00	1,530,000	244,800
WTD AVERAGE	21.21	19.13		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

\* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN** Trading levels were unchanged to slightly higher. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings. Schedules were normal. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was generally steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)\*  
FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF  
01-AUG-05

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	9.25-16.25 CENTS/LB.	12-13.75	12.92

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY HEN** Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was mostly moderate for the adequate to at least adequate offerings. Processing schedules were noted as mostly normal. Sales of finished product were adequate for current needs. The undertone was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)\*  
FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF  
01-AUG-05

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	9.75-16.25 CENTS/LB.	12-14	13.21
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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